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Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly,

I do not support the new proposed settlement in the Microsoft case. As most of us have known all along, Microsoft has been acting unfairly and to the detriment of competition and--more importantly--innovation in the software industry. They should be penalized for this, and penalized in a way that will actually make them think twice about their actions. But I stoutly believe more direct steps should also be taken to prevent similarly unfair and dishonest practices in the future, for Microsoft and any other company.

I believe Microsoft should be split between the OS department and those of their other large software applications, which should definitely include I.E. Let me repeat that. Internet Explorer, along with Office and the rest of Microsoft's desktop applications, should be managed separately from Windows operating systems development. It is clear to me, as a software engineer, that this would solve a great many problems with Microsoft and prevent further unjust injury to competing software vendors.

Thank you,

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